

CITY WILL ERECT LARGE NEW BARN

Modern Building Will House Municipal Equipment According to Plans of Council.

TO START ERECTION IN SPRING

Present Structure on Sixth Avenue Is Inadequate and Unsafe in Opinion of Commission.

The Rock Island commission today decided to build a modern municipal barn to replace the present structure on Sixth avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets, which besides being inadequate is considered unsafe.

Plans for the building were taken under consideration informally by the commission, Commissioners N. E. Juhl and J. H. Liedtke, in whose department custody of the barn is placed, inspected the building owned by the city of Moline. The inspection was made with a view to getting ideas for the structure here. Architect O. Z. Cervin is to draw rough plans for the consideration of the commission.

Work on the erection of the building will be started in the spring, as soon as the weather is mild enough to permit the horses to be taken from the barn and placed in sheds.

The council has definitely decided to erect a fire-proof building. Material

will be of stucco tile and the structure will be two stories. The property of the city on which the present barn is located is 80 by 160 feet. There is possibility that the new building may be erected on the city property at Island City park, but question of location will be decided later.

Rooms for Foreman.

The commission also decided today to include in the barn four living rooms in which the barn foreman and his family may reside. This is the system used in Moline, commissioners found.

In the barn at present 17 horses are kept. Stalls for 20 will be provided in the new building. These animals represent an investment of about two thousand dollars. Harness to the value of \$200 and rolling stock which is estimated is worth \$2,000 is kept in the barn. The worth of this property necessitates a fire-proof building in the opinion of the commission. This, with the fact that the present structure is crowded and would become more congested as additional city equipment is purchased, officials say caused them to decide to build.

Space for motor equipment will be provided in the new building. At present there is no motorized apparatus in the city barn, but the commission will plan for the future in the erection of the new building so that in case any of the present rolling stock is replaced with that of the more modern type, room for it will be available.

In the barn at present, besides the horses, there is located the grader, horsedrawn ambulance, sprinkler, flusher, the patrol formerly used, and wagons and carts employed in work on the streets and in hauling ashes and rubbish.

There is little space in the building for hay, straw and feed. In the new barn there will be sufficient room to store large quantities. This will permit the city to secure lower prices by buying in large amounts and by purchasing when the prices are low.

HOW TO FEED BIRDS DURING WINTER TOLD

Relative to the need of feeding birds at this time of the year, one of the members of the Rock Island Bird club submits the following:

"There's sunshine in the wild birds' songs! The birds are always happy and gay when they are well cared for and you will catch a good bit of their happiness and gaiety when they are about you. Do you want the secret? Feed them in the winter. It requires small effort to attract and hold them."

"Yesterday with the thermometer at 22 degrees below zero a cheerful little chickadee was singing in the trees along Twenty-first street and this morning a pair of cardinals, in spite of 12 degrees minus, were making the neighborhood ring with their calls. It is plain to be seen that somebody in the neighborhood had provided breakfast. If you want to try it, get a piece of beef suet, wind some string around it to hold it together and nail it to the south side of a tree, six or eight feet above the ground. It won't take the birds long to find it. Cracked English walnuts, bread and cake crumbs, chicken feed, wheat and cracked corn, placed on the window sill or feeding shelf are attractive, each having its own admirers."

"Frozen apples hung on the tree branches will catch the bluejays and cedar birds. It is a lucky family who have an apple tree in the yard with a few apples still hanging on it. Two varieties of waxwings may visit it, both of which are beautiful. Of these the cedar bird is the common variety, while the Bohemian chatterer is a larger and rarer visitor in cold weather, coming occasionally to us from the extreme northern part of this continent."

CUBS TOSSERS BEAT SOUTH PARK QUINNET

In an exciting basketball game last night at the South Park gym the Cubs won from the South Park quintet by a score of 30 to 24. The Cubs got away in front at the start and were never headed. A return game will be staged next month. The lineup:

Cubs—Cavanaugh, H. Freistat and Owens, rf; Cutler, c; Mangelsdorf, lg; Wilson, rf.
South Parks—G. Frey, lf; F. Frey, rf; Saulpaugh, c; Dopp, lg; Baird, rg. Summary—Field baskets, Freistat, 4; Owens, 2; Wilson, G. Frey, 3; Baird, Dopp, 3. Foul baskets, Cavanaugh, 3; Cutler, Mangelsdorf, F. Frey, 2; Saulpaugh, 6.

HASTINGS LEADING EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Hastings players are still leading in the euchre tournament now being conducted here, with a total of 72 games won. The standings of the other clubs are as follows: Sommer & Spurr, 68; Happy Corners, 65; Peerless, 64; Keystone, 64, and Broegere, 63. In the games played last night Hastings scored 22 wins, Sommer & Spurr, 16; Happy Corners, 19; Peerless, 17; Keystone, 14, and Kroegers, 11. Another series will be played next Thursday night at Happy Corners, Sommer & Spurr and Kroegers.

PAINTERS' SCHOOL TO HOLD A SESSION

The painters' school at the Industrial home building will be resumed tonight, when third coat work, materials and old new methods will be taken up. At the last session, two weeks ago, a large number of tri-city men attended. This school is free, conducted under the auspices of the painters' unions of the three cities, and is open to all.

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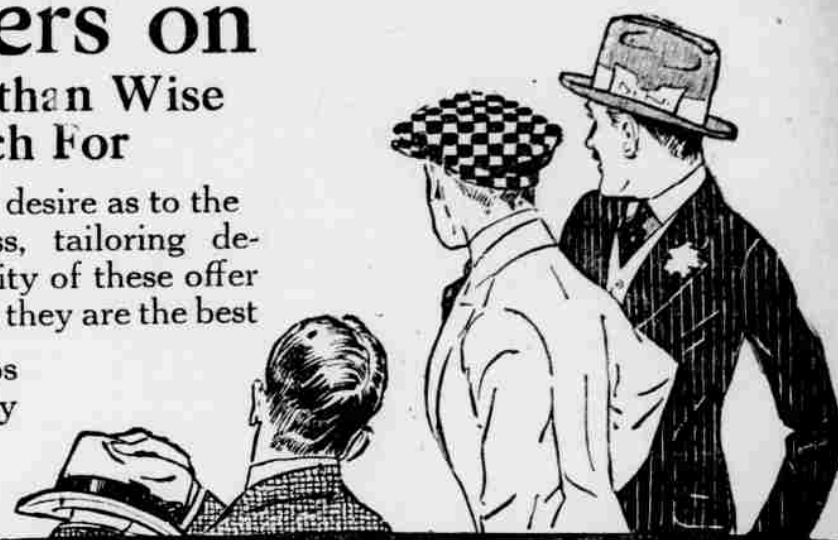
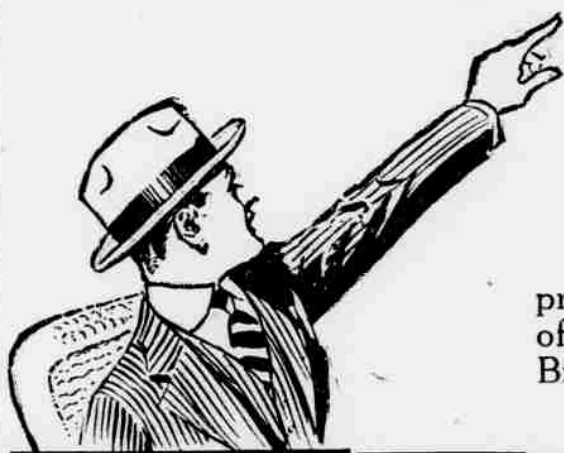
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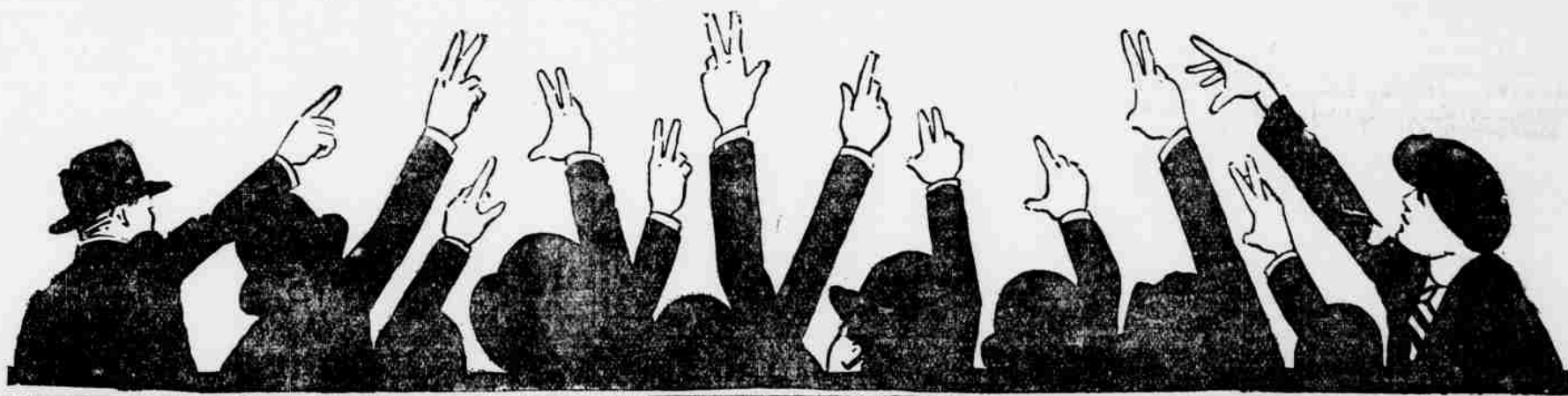
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FORMER HEAD OF MEXICO IS DEATH VICTIM.

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He was again put in charge of the general staff's topographical work in Sonora. He participated in subsequent Yaqui campaigns and also in the campaign in Yucatan against the Maya Indians. As a reward for his Indian service Huerta was given the rank of brigadier-general and once more detailed to the general staff.

Huerta commanded all the detached government forces in the state of Guerrero at the beginning of the Madero revolution. When Madero acceded to the presidency, General Huerta was sent back into Morelos with a force to put down the Zapata rebellion. As a result of ill-feeling growing out of this campaign Huerta was recalled. Subsequently he led the army sent against Orozco and was in command at the battle of Bachimba. For this service he was promoted to major-general. He was then recalled to the capital and given leave of absence because of an affection of the eyes, and this did not take part in the suppression of the first uprising led by General Felix Diaz in October, 1912.

In the second Felix Diaz revolution, which resulted in the overthrow of the Madero government Huerta was immediately called to active command as the senior ranking general then in the capital. He escorted Madero from Chapultepec Castle to the Palace on the first of the ten days' fighting and was placed in entire command of the forces of the government. He directed the government troops during all the subsequent fighting, and the conduct of these operations led to severe criticism on the part of Madero's friends. It was charged that he did not carry out the operations with any spirit, that he disobeyed the commands of President Madero, and that before General Blanquet entered the city it was this conference which sealed the fate of the Maderos.

Huerta was the moving spirit in the consummation of the plot that resulted in the seizure of the person of President Madero and his brother Gustavo.

The assassination of President Madero and his brother followed and in the meantime Huerta, with the military behind him, had been recognized as the provisional president.

Is Turned Down by Wilson.

Huerta took office as provisional president on Feb. 19, 1913. Three days afterward Francisco Madero, one of his brothers who had been arrested with him, and Jose Maria Pino Suarez,

vice president under Madero, were assassinated while riding under guard from the palace to the penitentiary.

This crime aroused a storm of indignation throughout the United States. In many quarters there were demands for intervention, but President Taft, who was on the eve of leaving office, decided to take no action which might commit the incoming administration of President Wilson.

Immediately on assuming office President Wilson refused to recognize Huerta as the head of the Mexican government in spite of the fact that such recognition had been granted by Great Britain. At the same time the Maderistas rallied under Venustiano Carranza, governor of Coahuila, and Francisco Villa declared against Huerta.

Following the refusal of President Wilson to recognize the provisional president United States Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson was recalled from Mexico City. The situation between the United States and Mexico then remained at a practical deadlock until August when President Wilson sent John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, to the Mexican capital as his personal representative. Mr. Lind presented certain proposals to Huerta, chief of which was that the provisional president should resign and permit a national election at which he would not be a candidate. Huerta peremptorily rejected these proposals.

Senator Simply Disappears.

In the meantime the Mexican congress had been growing restive and one senator had the hardihood to make an open attack on Huerta in the senate chamber. He promptly disappeared and when his colleagues demanded an investigation Huerta marched a body of troops into the hall of congress.

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seized 110 deputies and threw them in jail.

His next step was to call an election at which only Huertistas were allowed to vote with the result that he was declared president with General Blanquet vice president. Mr. Lind again demanded that Huerta resign and, meeting with a second refusal, left Mexico City on Nov. 12 for Vera Cruz.

Throughout the winter the tension between the United States and Mexico continued to grow more acute. American warships were dispatched to Mexican waters and a large number of troops were concentrated on the border. At the same time the constitutionalists, as the Carranza faction called them, advanced from the north, defeating the Huerta troops in battle after battle.

The climax came in April when a party of American bluejackets was seized at Vera Cruz and thrown into jail. The Americans were quickly released but Huerta refused President Wilson's demand for a formal salute to the Stars and Stripes as a measure of reparation. On April 12 American bluejackets and marines landed at Vera Cruz in force and occupied the city after some street fighting in which a number of Americans were killed.

Shortly afterward a mediation proposal was made by Argentina, Brazil and Chile and accepted. Conferences were held at Niagara Falls, but brought no decisive result.

Flees Own Country.

Matters dragged along until July 7 when Huerta, his finances exhausted, his army thoroughly beaten and disorganized, his enemies growing steadily stronger, presented his resignation to the Mexican congress. He sailed from Puerto Mexico a few days later on the German cruiser Dresden and after a short stay in Jamaica, chartered a steamer and set out for Spain.

On Nov. 23 President Wilson ordered the evacuation of Vera Cruz.

On March 3, 1915, General Huerta left Spain ostensibly for Buenos Aires. He disembarked at Algeiras, Morocco, and early in April boarded a steamer for New York, declaring he was coming to this country simply on a pleasure trip. After remaining in New York for some time he started west with the announced intention of visiting the San Francisco Panama exposition. On June 27 he was arrested by secret service agents at Newman, N. M., on a charge of conspiring to incite a revolution against a friendly country. He was released on bond but was re-arrested by secret service men at El Paso on July 3 when apparently planning to cross the border.

Huerta remained in jail until Dec. 28 when he was permitted to be removed to his home in El Paso on account of the serious nature of his illness.

During Huerta's stay in America nu-

merous stories were circulated from various sources asserting that he was being backed by German agents in a plot to embroil this country with Mexico. These stories were officially denied by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. They were revived again, however, by statements by federal officials that Franz von Rintelen, a German agent, had spent large sums of money endeavoring to cause disturbances on the Mexican border.

ZUMA

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. David of Rock Island spent Sunday with Elza Walker, Mrs. David's brother, who is seriously ill.

Zuma Aid society served lunch at the Holan sale Tuesday, taking in \$24.

Holly Girth enjoyed a visit from his father, who has been in Montana for some time, returning recently.

Mrs. D. W. Mumma was a caller at the home of Mrs. Arthur Mead, Monday.

Zuma Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Lou Wainwright Thursday in an all day session. Owing to so much sickness there were only seven present. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Nettie Wake, who has been seriously ill with the grippe and complications the past two weeks is somewhat better but not yet able to get up.

Mrs. Carrie Pousant of New York city is a guest of Miss Sarah Girth. Mrs. Pousant resided in Zuma when a young woman, making her home with Mrs. James Walker.

Rock Island County Fair association met at Woodmen hall, Joslin, Saturday, Jan. 8 and held the annual election, choosing the following officers: President, J. E. Donahoo, Mo-

line; Vice president, Ambrose Seal, Zuma; Secretary, Homer A. Dally, Zuma; Treasurer, Henry D. Setzer, Port Byron; Directors for three years, Edgar Walther, Coe, Ed Wainwright, Zuma, H. H. Palmer, Hillsdale; Directors for two years, Edward Schafer, Port Byron; Boyd McMichael, Hampton; Floyd E. Thomson, Rock Island; Directors for one year, C. L. Markee, Hillsdale; W. H. Moody, Cordova; Henry Weidman, Zuma; General superintendent, H. H. Palmer, Hillsdale; Marshal, W. H. Moody, Cordova; Superintendent of speed—Tom McCall, Coe.

The annual election of the Zuma Sunday school was held at the close of service Sunday and the following officers for the ensuing year were chosen: Superintendent, Edgar Walther; Assistant, Mrs. Vena Fitch; Secretary, John Sweger; Assistant, Clara Brandt; Treasurer, Divern Wainwright; Librarian, Amelia Weidman.

Missionary treasurer—Mrs. May Wainwright; Building box, Gladys Wake; Home department, Mrs. Goldie Walther; Cradle roll, Mrs. Blanch Beal; Pianist, Kathryn Mead; Assistant, Elnora Klebe; Teachers, Fiddis class, Mrs. Lou Wainwright; Builders, Mrs. Nettie Wake; Homer A. Dally; Busy Workers, Mrs. Gilda Walther; Beginners class, Mrs. Blanch Beal. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the selection of teachers for the Brotherhood class and two primary classes was left until another day.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received at 10 a. m. Feb. 1, 1916, for brick paving on Twelfth street. All bids must be accompanied by cash or certified check in amount of 10 per cent of bid.

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